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Chair Ravel and Commissioners Eskovitz,
Garrett, Montgomery, and Rotunda
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 600
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Agenda Item 17: SB 31 (Correa)—Post-government Employment Restrictions—SUPPORT

Dear Chair Ravel and Commissioners

On behalf of California Common Cause and our 400,000 national members, please accept this letter urging you to support Senate Bill 31 which would extend post-government restrictions to the local level.

Senate Bill 31 will extend post-government employment restrictions to public officials that serve as members with decision making authority of local governing boards and commissions. SB 31 includes an exemption for individuals who are members of solely advisory local governing boards or commissions.

This legislation will further prevent the revolving door that threatens the integrity of public decisions. Local agencies have an enormous influence on the everyday lives of voters. The inclusion of local level board members to these restrictions will assure that decisions made by public officials are unbiased and not as a result of lobbying by former agency officials.

California Common Cause urges you to join us in support of this important legislation.

Please contact me at pung@commoncause.org or (916) 520-4070 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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